



The Front End

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Chairman's Message

Chairman's Letter-Q1 2021

I was reflecting on this year, and thought this report would be short on content. I couldn't have been more wrong. 2020 will be indelibly etched on our soul. We will tell stories to the next generation about this year and how it effected our lives. We had no idea last January when we met at my garage on a rainy Saturday what the year would bring. I try to be a glass half full guy, and despite events being cancelled seemingly every week, I was amazed at what this chapter accomplished.

Without any prep or guidance, the chapter put on 5 virtual judging sessions. Mike Treece and Nick Petruzzi stepped up and figured it out. We now have between 75-100 attending each session. We had great feedback from all over the country on these sessions. Mike and Nick even did one with John Kraman of Mecum Auctions. I think these sessions held the club together and increased our knowledge for judging.

Despite the challenges, we still managed to get out to a few places: Road tour to Ray Skillman's in Indianapolis, judging school at Richard Crary's in Bucyrus (with a great lunch!), and two restoration garage tours in Covington, OH. On a beautiful fall/summer day we had a great road tour through covered bridges around Urbana and ending at a nice barbeque restaurant in Dayton. Thanks to Matt Lewis for hosting us twice this year.

With the lull in outdoor activities, the chapter did some good back office work. We updated the phone directory. Created a new vendor list that is located on the website with approximately 50 vendors listed. We had a lot of great vendor submissions for this list. With the help of Fred Richards, we created a new member handbook. This can be



sent to new and prospective members that outlines the club structure and activities. The board also voted to forego chapter dues in 2021. You will still have to pay your national dues but with all the things going on (and not going on), we thought it was only right to extend the dues from 2020 to 2021.

I think the activity I'm most proud of is our community stewardship. Through donations made by our membership, we collected over \$1340 dollars for the Life Care Alliance- Meals on Wheels for Central Ohio. The national will match at 50%, bringing our total to over \$2000 for those most vulnerable during this time. We also collected \$600 for Toys for Tots during the Holiday Season.

2021 is a blank palette. We will work to make safe decisions for the club, and still try to keep people engaged. We will get back to enjoying the camaradery of the club and see each other at events. I'm looking forward to putting 2020 in the rear view mirror and seeing everyone in 2021.

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Board Reports

Financials - Pete Hagan

As of December 31, 2020	
Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2020	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$2,542.53
Paypal Account	\$211.51
Other Account	\$6,000.91
Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2020	\$8,754.95

REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$560.00
Chapter Meet Registration Fees	-\$740.00
Donation Income	\$1,440.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$100.00
Total Revenue	\$1,360.00

EXPENSES:

Operations & Planning	\$977.90
Judging Meet Expense	\$0.00
Charitable Contribution	\$1,940.00
Charity Car Show Expense	\$0.00
Paypal Service Fees	\$69.45
Total Expenses	\$2,987.35

Closing Cash Balance 12/31/2020	\$7,127.60
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Closing Cash Balance 12/31/2020	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$7,024.77
Less: Uncleared Checks	\$0.00
Paypal	\$102.83
Total	\$7,127.60

2020 Corvette Production Numbers

- 20,368 Corvettes built
 - ⇒ 16,787 Stingray coupes
 - ⇒ 3,581 Stingray convertibles
- Exterior Color
 - ⇒ Torch Red (25%)
 - ⇒ Arctic White (15%)
 - ⇒ Black (11.7%)
 - ⇒ Sebring Orange (6.8%)
 - ⇒ Elkhart Lake Blue (6.7%)
 - ⇒ Rapid Blue (6%)
 - ⇒ Ceramic Matrix Gray (5.97%)
 - ⇒ Blade Silver (5.55%)
 - ⇒ Shadow Gray (5.45%)
 - ⇒ Long Beach Red (5.25%)
 - ⇒ Accelerate Yellow (3.38%)
 - ⇒ Zeus Bronze (2.69%)
- Carbon Flash Badges (91.6%)
- Z51 Performance Package (76%)

Board Reports

Upcoming Events - Terry Buchanan



Upcoming Events

Below are the events planned, so far, for the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS, first quarter of 2021:

January 9, 2021

Heart of Ohio Chapter - Virtual Judging School - Corvette Wheels - Part 1 C-1 thru C-2

Presenter - Mike Treece - 400 Level Master NCRS Judge

9:40 am - log in/equipment adjustments School begins - 10:00 am to 11:30 am Eastern Time

February 6, 2021

Heart of Ohio Chapter - Virtual Judging School - Corvette Wheels - Part 2 C-3 thru C-5

Presenter - Mike Treece - 400 Level Master NCRS Judge

9:40 am - log in/equipment adjustments School begins - 10:00 am to 11:30 am Eastern Time

Please Note: You must register before February 5 and be logged in for at least half the portion of the technical talk (not counting the end Q & A and closing remarks) to receive the 1 point (no exceptions)

Thanks,

Terry

Membership Report—Butch Price

As of December 16, 2020 the Heart of Ohio Chapter has 77 enrolled members.

I hope 2021 holds a better outlook for our club and is should now that the vaccine is out.

If you are concerned about your 2021 Chapter dues, remember that your Chapter Board, in mid 2020, voted unanimously to count your 2020 dues for also 2021 because of the lack of meetings we were having as a result of the pandemic. So if you paid dues for 2020, they also count for 2021!

Butch Price

Annual Chapter Fundraiser—LifeCare Alliance (Meals on Wheels)

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We received this nice letter from Chuck Gehring at LifeCare Alliance after our donation this year that we wanted to share with everyone.



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November 4, 2020

Heart of Ohio NCRS
ATTN: Pete Hagan
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Dear Pete:

Thank you for partnering with us to "Nourish the Human Spirit" of over 30,000 clients through life-sustaining nutrition, health, and support services! Your donation of \$1,340.00 to the Meals-on-Wheels program of LifeCare Alliance makes it possible for at-risk neighbors to experience compassionate, quality care each day here in central Ohio.

This past year alone, generous supporters like you helped us to achieve over 3,000,000 client touches and accept all those in need who qualify without a waiting list for services. And, as traditional funding sources continue to erode, your support is the critical link to ensuring that:

- **homebound seniors** receive nutritious Meals-on-Wheels and a daily visit,
- **cancer patients** fight with hope, through detection and basic needs care,
- **children with diabetes** thrive with life-changing resources and community,
- **companion pets** receive food and veterinary care to stay with their owners,
- **and so much more.**

Thank you for sharing in our founder's vision to "take care of those no one else pays any attention to." You truly make it possible for us to serve neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,


Charles W. Gehring
President and CEO

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In accordance with IRS guidelines, we confirm that LifeCare Alliance did not provide any goods or services in connection with this contribution. Tax ID for 501-C3, 31-4379494

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT FOR OUR CLIENTS--



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Corvette Knowledge Quiz

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Test your knowledge on how well you know Corvettes. Answers on the last page.

How well do you know CORVETTES?

- Who built the 3 speed transmissions for 1963-1969 corvettes Borg-Warner-Saginaw or Muncie?
- What was the first year for a deluxe interior?
- What year was a steel beam added to the side door for safety?
- What was the first year for power seats in a corvette?
- What was first year for power door locks in a corvette?
- What was first year for power windows in a corvette?
- What year did Borg Warner 4 speed transmissions get a aluminum case?
- What was first year for telescoping columns in a corvette?
- What was the first year for a tilt column in a corvette?
- What part was common to all 1953 to 1962 corvettes?
- What was the first year for a fan clutch?
- What was the last year you could order a 8 track tape player for a corvette?
- What year did power windows become standard not a option in a corvette?
- What year was a heater standard not a option in a corvette?
- What was the first year for a aluminum intake manifold on a corvette?
- What was the first year heads up display could be ordered in a corvette?

Tech Article—Not so technical, Tech article by Duff Parsons #64163

Not so technical, Tech article

I recently Purchased a 1984 Corvette from the original owner's estate in Fairfield, Ohio. Initially I found the car to be one in very good condition and opted to offer a bid that was reasonable, given the deficiencies that I found. One, there was no front license cover. Easily solved by Ecklers for \$30.09 including shipping. The delivered cover was clear and therefore a quick trip to my favorite body and paint shop ended with a Bright Red cover, painted from the inside and then clear coated. Another \$30.00. That should eliminate road dust and gravel chips. Next up was the absence of a head liner.

I took the car to a local upholstery shop where I received an estimate, not in writing mind you, for over \$500 to create a hard backing, make a material cover and reinstall in the Targa Top, I called Mike Yager at MidAmerica and told him of the dilemma and he said that he had a perfect solution. A hard backing with the headliner material already glued in placed and all I would need to do is purchase some adhesive or Velcro and install it myself. Total price delivered \$157.99. Thanks to a few YouTube videos, the process was simple. So, off we go.

First up is the removal of the Targa top. That my friends turned out to be no

easy task. At least not on this 84 Corvette. While the video showed the removal of 4-bolts, it actually turned out to be 8-bolts. Two in front under the sunvisor and six in the rear. Two for the top and (4) for the brackets. In the videos, no one spoke of or addressed the brackets. So, I removed 4-bolts that were normally necessary, but the top would not come off without removing the other 4-bracket bolts. (see Picture)



Tech Article—Not so technical, Tech article by Duff Parsons #64163 (con't)

So here's where it get's interesting. There are 4-main bolts that hold the Targa Top in place. After I removed the 4 main bolts, what I discovered is that there are 4 other bolts that hold on the rear brackets that hold the rear mounting to the top. After removing 4-additional bolts that continued to hold the brackets in place, I discovered that somewhere along the line, the previous owner had replaced at least one of the bracket bolts that was 1/4 " too long. That one bolt was holding the top in place as it had been tightened to the point of resting against the vehicle hard top at the rear. Once all of the bolts were removed, the lifting off and on was easy.

So, the dilemma was simple, replace the bolt with an original size. Done, readily available at your local Chevrolet dealer.



Once the top was removed the new headliner easily slipped into the allowed space and with the aid of new Velco strips held in place and stayed as designed. Once accomplished, I replaced the brackets using the correct bolts and lifted the top back into place, sliding the rear portion in first and the front easily settled into the front receptors and using the factory ratchet, I tightened the 4-main bolts back into place and turned on the water hose to check for leaks. No leaks and the interior looks a lot better.

At the end of the day, one little bolt that was 1/4" too long caused additional time, a little anxiety and a quick shopping trip. Careful what you think you know, because sometimes you just don't know, what you don't know.

Chapter Meeting—Road Tour of restoration shops of western Ohio

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Mike Treece set up a great tour on November 14th. Members joined the tour beginning at D&D Classic in Covington, Ohio and were able to enjoy the views there. After a break for lunch provided by Matt Lewis, the group moved on to Glazier Coach and Pattern Works in Houston, Ohio.



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Corvette Knowledge Quiz Answers

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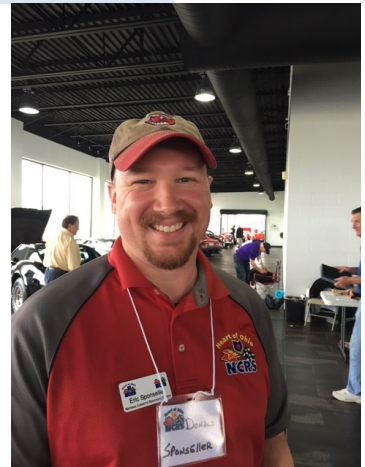
- Who built the 3 speed transmissions for 1963-1969 corvettes Borg-Warner-Saginaw or Muncie? **Saginaw**
- What was the first year for a deluxe interior? **1970**
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- What part was common to all 1953 to 1962 corvettes? **Guide V50 mirror**
- What was the first year for a fan clutch? **1959**
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- What year did power windows become standard not a option in a corvette? **1980**
- What year was a heater standard not a option in a corvette? **1962**
- What was the first year for a aluminum intake manifold on a corvette? **1953**
- What was the first year heads up display could be ordered in a corvette? **1999**

Letter from the Editor—Eric Sponseller

Thank you for reading this issue.

We hope that you will find that each newsletter is filled with educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, and news. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so *please, please* share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve.

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